

# Alstead, NH



## Community Contact

**Alstead Board of Selectmen**  
**Linda Christie, Administrative Assistant**  
**PO Box 60**  
**Alstead, NH 03602**

Telephone  
 Fax  
 E-mail  
 Web Site

**(603) 835-2986**  
**(603) 835-2178**  
**townofalstead@comcast.net**  
**www.alsteadnh.org**

## Municipal Office Hours

**Monday through Wednesday, 8 am - 4 pm, Thursday,  
 8 am - 5:45 pm, closed Friday**

County  
 Labor Market Area  
 Tourism Region  
 Planning Commission  
 Regional Development

**Cheshire**  
**Keene NH Micro-NECTA**  
**Monadnock**  
**Southwest Region**  
**Monadnock Economic Development Corp.**

Election Districts  
 US Congress  
 Executive Council  
 State Senate  
 State Representative

**District 2**  
**District 2**  
**District 10**  
**Cheshire County District 2**

**Incorporated: 1763**

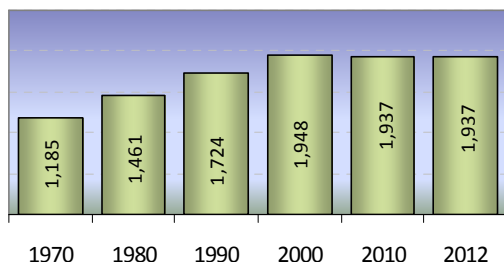
**Origin:** Alstead began in 1735 as the fourth in a line of nine forts intended to protect southwestern New Hampshire from Indian attacks. The town was named for Johann Heinrich Alsted, a German professor whose Encyclopaedia (1630) was popular at Harvard, where Governor Benning Wentworth had been a student. According to the Town of Alstead municipal website, Alstead was one of the towns that wavered in its allegiance after the Revolutionary War. In April 1781 the citizens decided to join Vermont, but returned to New Hampshire authority early the next year. Alstead was the location of New Hampshire's first paper mill, established in 1793 on the Cold River.

**Villages and Place Names:** Alstead Center, East Alstead, Mill Hollow

**Population, Year of the First Census Taken:** 1,111 residents in 1790



Cheshire County



**Population Trends:** Population change for Alstead totaled 1094 over 52 years, from 843 in 1960 to 1,937 in 2012. The largest decennial percent change was a 41 percent increase between 1960 and 1970, close to one-third of the total numeric change. The 2012 Census estimate for Alstead was 1,937 residents, which ranked 141st among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

**Population Density and Land Area, 2010 (US Census Bureau):** 49.9 persons per square mile of land area. Alstead contains 38.8 square miles of land area and 0.6 square miles of inland water area.

<b>MUNICIPAL SERVICES</b>		
Type of Government	<b>Selectmen</b>	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2012	<b>\$2,438,818</b>	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2013-2014	<b>\$5,208,867</b>	
Zoning Ordinance	<b>1987/10</b>	
Master Plan	<b>2007</b>	
Capital Improvement Plan	<b>Yes</b>	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By	<b>Planning Board</b>	

#### Boards and Commissions

Elected:	<b>Selectmen; Library</b>
Appointed:	<b>Planning; Zoning; Conservation</b>

Public Library      **Shedd-Porter Memorial**

<b>EMERGENCY SERVICES</b>			
Police Department	<b>Full-time</b>		
Fire Department	<b>Part-time &amp; volunteer</b>		
Emergency Medical Service	<b>Volunteer</b>		
Nearest Hospital(s)	Distance	Staffed Beds	
<b>Cheshire Medical Center, Keene</b>	<b>17 miles</b>	<b>140</b>	
<b>Valley Regional, Claremont</b>	<b>22 miles</b>	<b>25</b>	

<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electric Supplier	<b>PSNH; Granite State; NE Power</b>		
Natural Gas Supplier	<b>None</b>		
Water Supplier	<b>Private wells</b>		
Sanitation	<b>Private septic</b>		
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant	<b>No</b>		
Solid Waste Disposal	<b>None</b>		
Curbside Trash Pickup	<b>None</b>		
Pay-As-You-Throw Program	<b>No</b>		
Recycling Program	<b>Mandatory</b>		
Telephone Company	<b>Fairpoint</b>		
Cellular Telephone Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Cable Television Access	<b>Yes</b>		
Public Access Television Station	<b>No</b>		
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	<b>Limited</b>	
	Residential	<b>Limited</b>	

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)
2012 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$22.46</b>	
2012 Equalization Ratio	<b>105.4</b>	
2012 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)	<b>\$23.61</b>	
2012 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type		
Residential Land and Buildings	<b>95.0%</b>	
Commercial Land and Buildings	<b>2.8%</b>	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other	<b>2.2%</b>	

<b>HOUSING</b>		(ACS 2007-2011)
Total Housing Units	<b>971</b>	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached	<b>824</b>	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:		
Two to Four Units in Structure	<b>38</b>	
Five or More Units in Structure	<b>21</b>	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units	<b>88</b>	

<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>		(US Census Bureau)
Total Population	Community	County
2012	<b>1,937</b>	<b>76,851</b>
2010	<b>1,937</b>	<b>77,117</b>
2000	<b>1,948</b>	<b>73,993</b>
1990	<b>1,724</b>	<b>70,223</b>
1980	<b>1,461</b>	<b>62,116</b>
1970	<b>1,185</b>	<b>52,364</b>

#### Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2007-2011

Population by Gender		
Male	<b>949</b>	Female <b>977</b>

Population by Age Group	
Under age 5	<b>115</b>
Age 5 to 19	<b>447</b>
Age 20 to 34	<b>282</b>
Age 35 to 54	<b>547</b>
Age 55 to 64	<b>286</b>
Age 65 and over	<b>249</b>
Median Age	<b>40.0 years</b>

Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over	
High school graduate or higher	<b>95.5%</b>
Bachelor's degree or higher	<b>32.8%</b>

<b>INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$</b>		(ACS 2007-2011)
Per capita income		<b>\$26,941</b>
Median 4-person family income		<b>\$70,757</b>
Median household income		<b>\$54,500</b>
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers		
Male		<b>\$46,719</b>
Female		<b>\$35,156</b>
Families below the poverty level		<b>1.3%</b>

<b>LABOR FORCE</b>		(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average	2002	2012
Civilian labor force	<b>1,167</b>	<b>1,111</b>
Employed	<b>1,117</b>	<b>1,056</b>
Unemployed	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>
Unemployment rate	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>

<b>EMPLOYMENT &amp; WAGES</b>		(NHES – ELMI)
Annual Average Covered Employment	2002	2012
Goods Producing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>81</b>	<b>66</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 519</b>	<b>\$ 620</b>
Service Providing Industries		
Average Employment	<b>93</b>	<b>86</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 418</b>	<b>\$ 709</b>
Total Private Industry		
Average Employment	<b>174</b>	<b>152</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 465</b>	<b>\$ 671</b>
Government (Federal, State, and Local)		
Average Employment	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 244</b>	<b>\$ 504</b>
Total, Private Industry plus Government		
Average Employment	<b>202</b>	<b>178</b>
Average Weekly Wage	<b>\$ 434</b>	<b>\$ 646</b>

If "n" appears, data do not meet disclosure standards.

**EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE**

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Fall Mountain Regional (Acworth, Alstead, Charlestown, Langdon, Walpole)** District: **SAU 60**

Career Technology Center(s): **The Cheshire Career Center, Keene; Fall Mountain Regional High School - CTE, Langdon; Windham Regional Career Center, Brattleboro, VT** Region: **13**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>		
Grade Levels	<b>P K 1-4</b>	<b>5-8</b>		
Total Enrollment	<b>97</b>	<b>124</b>		

Nearest Community College: **River Valley**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Keene State; Antioch New England**

2012 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **1** Total Capacity: **45**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Blanceflower Lumber	Retail, wholesale lumber	15	1953
Benson's Woodworking Company	Timber frame houses	10	1972
Fuller Machine Company	Job machine shop	5	

**TRANSPORTATION** (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access US Routes  
State Routes **12A, 123, 123A**

Nearest Interstate, Exit **I-91 (VT), Exit 6**

Distance **10 miles**

Railroad **No**

Public Transportation **No**

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation  
**Claremont Municipal** Runway **3,098 ft. asphalt**

Lighted? **Yes** Navigation Aids? **Yes**

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service  
**Lebanon Municipal** Distance **42 miles**

Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport **1**

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH **70 miles**

Portland, Maine **162 miles**

Boston, Mass. **120 miles**

New York City, NY **232 miles**

Montreal, Quebec **225 miles**

**COMMUTING TO WORK** (*ACS 2007-2011*)

Workers 16 years and over

Drove alone, car/truck/van **79.3%**

Carpooled, car/truck/van **6.5%**

Public transportation **0.0%**

Walked **1.4%**

Other means **1.7%**

Worked at home **11.1%**

Mean Travel Time to Work **30.1 minutes**

**Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2007-2011**

Working in community of residence **71.0**

Commuting to another NH community **12.9**

Commuting out-of-state **16.1**

**RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS**

Municipal Parks

YMCA/YWCA

Boys Club/Girls Club

Golf Courses

Swimming: Indoor Facility

Swimming: Outdoor Facility

Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility

Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility

Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility

Bowling Facilities

Museums

Cinemas

Performing Arts Facilities

Tourist Attractions

**X** Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)

**X** Youth Sports: Baseball

**X** Youth Sports: Soccer

Youth Sports: Football

**X** Youth Sports: Basketball

Youth Sports: Hockey

Campgrounds

**X** Fishing/Hunting

Boating/Marinas

**X** Snowmobile Trails

Bicycle Trails

Cross Country Skiing

Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area

Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Okemo**

Other: